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Note by the secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of submission and review of seventh national communications (NCs) and third biennial reports (BRs) from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) as at 30 March 2018.

2. The Conference of the Parties (COP) requested Annex I Parties to submit their NC7s no later than four years after 1 January 2014[1] and their BR2s and subsequent BRs two years after the due date of a full NC.[2]

3. In addition, COP 17 adopted the "UNFCCC biennial reporting guidelines for developed country Parties" and decided that developed country Parties should use them for the preparation of their BRs.[3] COP 18 adopted the common tabular format (CTF) for those guidelines[4] and COP 21 decided that developed country Parties should use the format when preparing and submitting their BRs in accordance with decision 2/CP.17.[5]

4. At the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received NC7s from 39 Annex I Parties. The NC7s of Belarus, Croatia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States of America had not yet been submitted. A total of 29 Annex I Parties submitted their NC7s before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 9/CP.16, while 10 Annex I Parties submitted their NC7s after that date (6 of which submitted them within six weeks after that date). All NCs received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.[6] The dates of submission and of scheduled review weeks are presented in the table below.

5. In addition, at the time of the preparation of this note, the secretariat had received 40 BR3s and 39 sets of corresponding BR3 CTF tables from Annex I Parties (Ireland submitted its BR3 only). The BR3s and BR3 CTF tables of Belarus, Croatia, Ukraine and United States had not yet been submitted. A total of 31 Annex I Parties submitted their

[1] Decision 9/CP.16, paragraph 5.
[2] Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 13.
[3] Decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 12 and 13.
[4] Decision 19/CP.18, paragraph 1.
[5] Decision 9/CP.21, paragraph 8.
[6] http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/10138.php.

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BR3s and 29 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3 CTF tables before the due date of submission in accordance with decision 2/CP.17, while 13 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3s and 14 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3 CTF tables after that date (3 Annex I Parties submitted their BR3s and 5 submitted their BR3 CTF tables within six weeks after that date). All BR3s and BR3 CTF tables received have been posted on the UNFCCC website.[7] The dates of submission and of scheduled review weeks are presented in the table below.

6. COP 20 decided that the "Guidelines for the technical review of information reported under the Convention related to greenhouse gas inventories, biennial reports and national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention" should be used for the review of BR2s starting in 2016 and for subsequent reviews of BRs and NCs until any revisions are decided upon by the COP.[8] Those guidelines state that, in the years in which NCs and BRs are submitted together, both will be subject to an in-country review and that Annex I Parties with total emissions of less than 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (excluding land use, land-use change and forestry) according to their most recent greenhouse gas inventory submission, with the exception of Parties included in Annex II to the Convention, may choose for their NCs to undergo a centralized review.[9]

7. As at 30 March 2018, the secretariat had coordinated six in-country in-depth reviews of NC7s and BR3s. In accordance with the provision referred to in paragraph 6 above, centralized reviews of NC7s and BR3s were organized by the secretariat for six Parties: Estonia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Monaco and Slovakia.

Dates of submission of seventh national communications and third biennial reports and dates of scheduled review weeks as at 30 March 2018

Annex I Party	*Date(s) national communication received*	*Date(s) biennial report received*	*Date common tabular format tables received*	*Language of submission*	*Dates of review week*
Australia	28 Dec. 2017	28 Dec. 2017	28 Dec. 2017	English	28 May to 2 June 2018
Austria	8 Feb. 2018	28 Dec. 2017	28 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Belarus	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted		–
Belgium	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Bulgaria	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Canada	29 Dec. 2017 5 March 2018	29 Dec. 2017 5 March 2018	29 Dec. 2017	English French	9–14 April 2018
Croatia	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted		21–26 May 2018
Cyprus	22 Feb. 2018	22 Feb. 2018	26 Feb. 2018	English	21–26 May 2018
Czechia	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 March 2018
Denmark	1 Jan. 2018	1 Jan. 2018	1 Jan. 2018	English	Planning in progress
Estonia	30 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 March 2018
European Union	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	English	5–10 March 2018
Finland	13 Dec. 2017	13 Dec. 2017	13 Dec. 2017	English	19–24 March 2018
France	29 Dec. 2017 22 Feb. 2018	28 Dec. 2017 22 Feb. 2018	12 Jan. 2018 (English)	French English	9–14 April 2018

[7] http://unfccc.int/national_reports/biennial_reports_and_iar/submitted_biennial_reports/items/10132.php.

[8] Decision 13/CP.20, paragraph 2.

[9] Decision 13/CP.20, annex, paragraphs 18 and 116.

Annex I Party	*Date(s) national communication received*	*Date(s) biennial report received*	*Date common tabular format tables received*	*Language of submission*	*Dates of review week*
Germany	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 March 2018
Greece	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Hungary	10 Jan. 2018	10 Jan. 2018	10 Jan. 2018	English	19–24 March 2018
Iceland	16 March 2018	16 March 2018	12 Feb. 2018	English	Planning in progress
Ireland	30 March 2018	30 March 2018	Not yet submitted	English	Planning in progress
Italy	22 Dec. 2017	24 Dec. 2017	24 Dec. 2017	English	21–26 May 2018
Japan	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	28 May to 2 June 2018
Kazakhstan	31 Dec. 2017	31 Dec. 2017	1 Jan. 2018	English	Planning in progress
Latvia	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 March 2018
Liechtenstein	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	20 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 March 2018
Lithuania	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	3 Jan. 2018	English	12–17 March 2018
Luxembourg	11 Feb. 2018	28 Feb. 2018	28 Feb. 2018	English	Planning in progress
Malta	12 Feb. 2018	12 Feb. 2018	13 Feb. 2018	English	21–26 May 2018
Monaco	12 Feb. 2018	14 Feb. 2018	14 Feb. 2018	French	12–17 March 2018
Netherlands	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	5–10 March 2018
New Zealand	21 Dec. 2017	21 Dec. 2017	21 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Norway	29 Jan. 2018	29 Jan. 2018	29 Jan. 2018	English	16–21 April 2018
Poland	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	11–16 June 2018
Portugal	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Romania	27 Dec. 2017	27 Dec. 2017	27 Dec. 2017	English	4–9 June 2018
Russian Federation	29 Dec. 2017	29 Dec. 2017	31 Dec. 2017 (English)	Russian	Planning in progress
Slovakia	15 Dec. 2017	15 Dec. 2017	15 Dec. 2017	English	12–17 March 2018
Slovenia	13 March 2018	13 March 2018	13 March 2018	English	21–26 May 2018
Spain	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	Spanish	28 May to 2 June 2018
Sweden	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	22 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Switzerland	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	19 Dec. 2017	English	Planning in progress
Turkey	Not yet submitted	1 Jan. 2018	1 Jan. 2018	English	–
Ukraine	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted		–
United Kingdom	30 Dec. 2017	30 Dec. 2017	30 Dec. 2017	English	4–9 June 2018
United States	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted	Not yet submitted		–

Note: Only review dates that had been agreed by the time of the publication of this note are specified in this table; the planning of the remaining reviews was in progress.